

## Emergency Notification Service

Welcome to the Town of Addison's "First Call" emergency notification service. This service allows residents and businesses to receive emergency notifications by phone; text and/or email during the threat of severe weather or other significant events that may require you to take personal protective actions.

The on-duty 911 Communications Officer will activate the emergency notification system upon notification of one of the follow:

- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a tornado warning for Dallas County and/or the immediate Addison area
- Tornado activity has been spotted in the Addison area by a reliable source; police; fire; trained storm spotter or FAA Control Tower at Addison Airport
- Severe thunderstorm warning issued for Addison or the surrounding Dallas County area with destructive winds in excess of 70 MPH or greater
- Severe thunderstorm warning issued for Addison or the surrounding Dallas County area with the potential for hail in excess of 1.25-inch in diameter or reported hail in excess of 1.25-inch in diameter
- Notification of other significant events as determined by emergency officials

The notification system will be tested by the on-duty 911 Communications Officer the first Wednesday of every month at approximately 1 p.m. depending on their workload and availability to perform the test at the designated time frame. The system will not be tested if the threat of severe weather is present.

Confidentiality of subscriber information is a priority. The Town of Addison does not sell; distribute or release information provided by users.

**[To Sign-up please click here](#)**

### Outdoor Warning Sirens

The Town of Addison has six outdoor warning sirens strategically located throughout the town to warn of potential for life threatening severe weather conditions. ***The outside warning sirens are designed to notify citizens who are outside only.*** Because of the way homes and automobiles are constructed; it is impossible for all to hear these alerts indoors or inside your car. We *strongly* encourage all residents and local businesses to purchase a *NOAA weather radio* in order to be notified of alerts indoors and then monitor local weather and media sources for accurate and timely information.

The on-duty 911 Communications Officer will activate the outdoor warning sirens upon notification of one of the follow:

- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a tornado warning for Dallas County and/or the immediate Addison area
- Tornado activity has been spotted in the Addison area by a reliable source; police; fire; trained storm spotter or FAA Control Tower at Addison Airport
- NWS reported or confirmed straight line winds or downburst in excess of 75 MPH

Once activated; the system will sound for three minutes and repeated as necessary until the threat has passed.

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### **Weather Watch vs. Warning**

**Watch:** A watch is issued by the NWS when conditions are favorable for the development of a hazardous weather condition

**Warning:** A warning is issued by the NWS when a hazardous condition exists and it is time to take personal protective actions for you; your family and/or business

Again; we *strongly* encourage all residents and local businesses to purchase a *NOAA weather radio* in order to be notified of alerts indoors and then monitor local weather and media sources for accurate and timely information.

When a warning is issued; make sure you have your family or business disaster supply kit available and activate your family and/or business disaster plan and seek the appropriate shelter and or other protective actions if indicated; and continuously monitor local weather and media sources for timely and accurate information until the danger passes the forecasted area.

For additional information on disaster preparedness; contact the Fire Department at 972-450-7201 or visit [www.texasprepares.org](http://www.texasprepares.org)